



REPORT TO THE PEARL CITY NEIGHBORHOOD BOARD COUNCILMEMBER BRANDON ELEFANTE JANUARY 2018



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Calendar Of Events & Activities

January 2018

- 1 New Year's Day Holiday
- 15 Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Holiday
- 18 Special Zoning Committee
- 23 Council Committee Meetings:
 - Planning
 - Parks, Community & Customer Services
 - Executive Matters & Legal Affairs
- 24 Council Committee Meetings:
 - Budget
 - Public Works, Infrastructure & Sustainability
- 25 Council Committee Meetings:
 - Zoning & Housing
 - Transportation
 - Public Health, Safety & Economic Development
- 31 Honolulu City Council Meeting

February 2018

- 13 Council Committee Meetings:
 - Planning
 - Parks, Community & Customer Services
 - Executive Matters & Legal Affairs
- 14 Council Committee Meetings:
 - Budget
 - Public Works, Infrastructure & Sustainability
- 15 Council Committee Meetings:
 - Zoning & Housing
 - Transportation
 - Public Health, Safety & Economic Development
- 19 Presidents Day Holiday
- 28 Honolulu City Council Meeting

Hickam Federal Credit Union Pearl City Branch Grand Opening



Councilmember Brandon Elefante presented Hickam Federal Credit Union with an Honorary Certificate on January 20, at the Grand Opening of the Pearl City Branch. Pictured with Councilmember Elefante are Lea Haina, Director, Branch Operations; Gerard Auyong, President/CEO; and Drezleen Oshiro, Senior VP Operations.

City Council Honors The Fil-Am Courier On Its 30th Anniversary



The Honolulu City Council honored *The Fil-Am Courier* on its 30th Anniversary. The newspaper has covered many controversial topics, profiled community leaders, celebrated community milestones, and tackled hard-hitting subjects. Pictured with the Councilmembers are the publishers, Mary and David Cordero, Managing Editor Bennette Misalucha, and other staff and supporters.

Bill 111 (2017), Relating to Bicycle Paths

At the end of the year, I introduced Bill 111 (2017) relating to bicycle paths. In the summer of 2017, the City signed a long term lease with the U.S. Navy for the Pearl Harbor Bikepath. Bill 111 will help the City ordinances conform to portions of the lease agreement by banning intoxicating beverages, disallowing the transportation of hazardous materials, and allow, if needed, for closure of any bicycle path during the night hours when signs are posted. While there are no plans to close the Pearl Harbor Bikepath during the night time, this clause assures that, if closed, signs will be posted.

Bill 111 will have a first reading at the January 31, 2018 City Council Meeting. Following first reading, Bill 111 would then be referred to the Transportation Committee for its February meeting.

New Chair of the Transportation Committee

The Honolulu City Council has reorganized, and I am happy to report that I am the new Chair of the Transportation Committee. This means that legislation that deals with transportation, TheBus, Handi-Van, bike lanes, traffic signals, and some of rail will come to my new committee. The Vice-Chair is Councilmember Joey Manahan, and the other voting members are Councilmembers Fukunaga, Kobayashi, and Pine. I will continue my roles as Vice Chair of the Budget Committee as well as Vice Chair of the Oahu Metropolitan Planning Organization.

I also remain as a voting member on the other six City Council Committees of Planning; Parks, Community & Customer Services; Executive Matters & Legal Affairs; Public Works, Infrastructure & Sustainability; Zoning & Housing; and Public Health, Safety & Economic Development.

Healthy Tip of the Month: Incorporate Culture and The Arts Into Your Life!

Take a moment in your busy schedule to incorporate culture and the arts into your life. You can enrich yourself by participating in and supporting the arts in 2018. Whether it's taking a ceramics class, joining a writing group, learning hula, visiting a museum, attending a play, or starting a band, make culture and the arts a regular part of your life.

There is still time to register for an **arts class at your local City Park**! Hula, Ceramics, and Arts & Crafts are some of the classes held in your neighborhood. For more information, call 675-7130. Walk in Registration for Parks District 3, which includes parks from Pearlridge to Waianae to Wahiawa, will be held on:

January 10, 2018 from 6pm to 8pm

January 11 and 12, 2018 from 2pm to 5pm

Visit **Hawai'i's Plantation Village**, the outdoor museum of Hawai'i's cultural history. Located at the City's Waipahū Cultural Garden Park at 94-695 Waipahū Street, it is open from Monday to Saturday with special rates for kama'āina. Please call 677-0110 or see more information at:

<http://hawaiiplantationvillage.org/admissionshours.html>.

See the "Merchant of Venice" or attend a guitar concert at **Leeward Community College (LCC) Theatre's Alternative Space**. While the main theatre is under renovation, LCC theatre still has a full 43rd Season to showcase play, musicians, singers, comedy, and dancers. More information is at:

<http://lcctheatre.hawaii.edu/index.html> or emailing ltheatre@hawaii.edu or by calling 455-0380.

Take in a free performance of the City's **Royal Hawaiian Band (RHB)**. Founded by King Kamehameha III in 1836, the RHB is the only band in the United States with a royal legacy and all of its performances are free. Performances are listed at <https://www.rhb-music.com>.

Adapted from Mayor's Office of Culture and Arts at:

<http://www.honolulu.gov/rep/site/moca/January2018Newsletter.pdf>.